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OBJECTIVE

- To better define, explain and identify coding practices in the following CPT sections:
  - Surgical Coding
  - Radiological Coding
  - Pathology and Laboratory Coding
  - Medicine Coding

I. SURGICAL CODING

- Integumentary System
- Musculoskeletal System
- Digestive System
- Urinary System
- Female Genital System
- Eye and Ocular Adnexa

INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM
Skin, Subcutaneous & Accessory Structure

- Incision & Drainage
- Excision Debridement
- Paring or Cutting
- Biopsy
- Removal of Skin Tags
- Shaving of Epidermal or Dermal Lesions
- Excision - Benign
- Excision - Malignant

SKIN LESIONS

- **Removal of Skin Tags**
  - **Scissoring or any sharp method, ligature strangulation, electrosurgical destruction or combination of treatment modalities including chemical or electrocauterization of wound, with or without local anesthesia.**
    - ***11200 - any area, 15 lesions or less***
    - ***11201 - each additional ten lesions (in addition to 11200)***

SKIN LESIONS

- **Shaving of Epidermal or Dermal Lesions**
  - **Shaving is the sharp removal by transverse incision or horizontal slicing to remove epidermal and dermal lesions without a full-thickness dermal excision. This includes local anesthesia, chemical or electrocauterization of the wound. The wound does not require sutures.**
  - **This type of removal is coded by body location and the size of lesion.**

SKIN LESIONS

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- **Shaving of Epidermal or Dermal Lesions**
  - **11300 - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, trunk, arms or legs; lesion diameter 0.5 cm or less**
    - ***11301 - lesion diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm***
    - ***11302 - lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm***
    - ***11303 - lesion diameter over 2.0 cm***

WOUND REPAIR

- Simple Repair
- Intermediate Repair
- Complex Repair
- Adjacent Tissue Transfer or Rearrangement
- Free Skin Grafts

- Flaps (Skin and/or Deep Grafts)
- Other Flaps and Graphs
- Other Procedures
- Pressure Ulcers
- Burns, Local Treatment

WOUND REPAIR

- **Three Classifications**
  - **Simple**
  - **Intermediate**
  - **Complex**

WOUND REPAIR

- **Simple - superficial, primary epidermis, dermis or subcutaneous tissues without significant involvement of deeper structures.**

  Codes 12001 - 12021

  - **location of repair**
  - **sum the lengths of repair**

WOUND REPAIR

- **Intermediate - Simple repair plus layered closure of one or more deeper layers of subcutaneous tissue and superficial (non-muscle) fascia. Single layer wounds requiring extensive cleaning/removal of particulate matter are included.**

  Codes 12031 - 12057

  - **location of repair**
  - **sum the lengths of repair**

WOUND REPAIR

- **Complex - Wounds requiring more than layered closure. May require reconstructive procedures.**

  Codes 13100 - 13300

  - **location of repair**
  - **sum the lengths of repair**

WOUND REPAIR

- **Decontamination and/or Debridement**
  - **Separate procedure only when gross contamination requires prolonged cleansing, when appreciable amounts of devitalized or contaminated tissue are removed or when debridement is carried out separately without immediate primary closure.**

WOUND REPAIR

- **Involvement of nerves, blood vessels and tendons: Report under appropriate system for repair of these structures**
  - **Simple ligation of vessels in an open wound is considered as part of any wound closure**
  - **Simple exploration of nerves, blood vessels or tendons exposed is also considered part of the essential treatment and not separate unless appreciable dissection is required.**

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

- **Closed Treatment**
- **Open Treatment**
- **Percutaneous Skeletal Fixation**
- **Manipulation**

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

- **Closed Treatment - Fracture site not surgically opened.**
  - **Three methods of treatment**
    - ***Without Manipulation***
    - ***With Manipulation***
    - ***With or Without Traction***

MUSCULOSKETAL SYSTEM

- **Open Treatment - Fracture is surgically opened. Fracture visualized and internal fixation may be used.**

MUSCULOSKETAL SYSTEM

- **Percutaneous Skeletal Fixation - Fracture treatment that is neither open or closed.**
  - **Fracture fragments not visualized, but fixation is placed across the site, usually under x-ray imaging.**

MUSCULOSKETAL SYSTEM

- Type of fracture does not have any coding correlation with the type of treatment provided.
- Skeletal Traction
- Skin Traction
- External Fixation

MUSCULOSKETAL SYSTEM

- **Manipulation - Attempted reduction or restoration of a fracture or joint dislocation to its normal anatomic alignment by the application of manually applied forces.**

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

- **Alimentary Tract and Accessory Organs of Digestion**
  - ***Codes 40490 - 49999***
    - **Subsections by anatomic site - lips, vestibule of mouth, esophagus, stomach, etc.**
      - ***Subheadings by procedural modality - endoscopic, incisional, excisional, reparative, etc.***
        - **Cross-references**

URINARY SYSTEM

- **Excretory System**

  Codes 50010 - 53899

  - **Subsections by anatomic site - kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra**
    - ***Subheadings by procedural modality - diagnostic, endoscopic, incisional, excisional, reconstructive, etc.***
      - ✓ **Cross-references**

FEMALE GENITAL SYSTEM

- **Female Genital System**
  - ***Codes 56405 - 58999***
    - **Subsections by anatomic site - vulva, perineum, vagina, cervix, uterus, ovaries, etc.**
      - ***Subheadings by procedural modality - laparoscopic, incisional, excisional, reconstructive and other non-obstetrical procedure***
        - **Cross-references**

EYE AND OCULAR ADNEXA

- **Eye and Ocular Adnexa**

  Codes 65091 - 68899

  - **Subsections mainly by anatomic site - cornea, anterior chamber, sclera, iris, ciliary body, etc.**
    - ***Subheadings mainly by procedural modality - incision, excision, destruction, repair, etc.***
      - ✓ **Cross-references**

II. RADIOLOGY CODING

- **Diagnostic Imaging**
  - **Diagnostic Ultrasound**
  - **Radiation Oncology**
  - **Nuclear Medicine**

RADIOLOGY

- **Diagnostic Imaging**
  - ***Codes 70010 - 76499***
    - **Headings organized by anatomic site or procedural modality**
    - **Complete Procedure**
      - ***70140 - Radiological examination, facial bones; less than three views***
      - ***70150 - complete, minimum of three views***

RADIOLOGY

- **Diagnostic Ultrasound**

  Codes 76506 - 76999

  - **Headings organized by anatomic site or procedural modality**
  - **Definitions**
    - ***A-mode***
    - ***M-mode***
    - ***B-scan***
    - ***Real-time scan***

RADIOLOGY

- **Radiation Oncology**

  Codes 77261 - 77799

  - **Concise subsection containing explicit notations with definitions, explanations, and instructions relevant to the listings of services and procedures**

RADIOLOGY

- **Nuclear Medicine**

  Codes 78000 - 78299

  - **Organized by body system or procedure modality**
  - **Procedures may be performed independently or in the course of overall medical care**

RADIOLOGY

- **Supervision and Interpretation**
  - **When a procedure is performed by two physicians, the radiological portion of the procedure is designated as “radiological supervision and interpretation.”**
    - **When a physician performs both the procedure and provides imaging supervision and interpretation, a combination of procedure codes outside the 70000 series and imaging supervision and interpretation codes are to be used.**

RADIOLOGY

- **Supervision and Interpretation**
  - **This does not apply to the Radiation Oncology subsection**

III. PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY

- **Watch the subheadings or subsections for special needs or instructions unique to that section. Special "notes" will be presented where needed.**
  - **Many Subsections**
    - ***Organ and Disease Panels***
    - ***Surgical Pathology***

PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY

- **Organ and Disease Panels**

  Codes 80049 - 80092

  - ***Tests listed with each panel identify defined components***
  - ***Panel components not intended to limit other tests.***
  - ***If provider performs additional tests not included in this panel, those should be coded separately in addition to the original panel.***

PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY

- **Microbiology**

  Codes 87001 - 87999

  - **Bacteriology, mycology, parasitology and virology**

IV. MEDICINE

- **Injections**
  - **Immune Globulins**
    - ***90281-90399 identify immune globulin product only***
    - ***90780-90784 are administration codes and must also be used***

MEDICINE

- **Injections**
  - **Immunizations**
    - ***90476-90748 identify vaccine only***
    - ***90471-90472 are administration codes and must also be used***
    - ***Multiple codes are provided if needed***
    - ***Combination codes are provided***
      - ✓ **Do not code individually if a combination code is available**

MEDICINE

- **Special Reports and Services**

  Codes 99000 - 99090

  - **A service that is rarely provided, unusual, variable, or new may require a special report in determining medical appropriateness of the service. Physician should provide a definition or description of the nature, extent or need for the service/procedure**
    - ***Complexity of symptoms, final diagnosis, pertinent physical findings, concurrent problems etc.***

SUMMARY

- We have defined the sections within the objective categories
- We are able to explain the importance of the subheadings and subsections of the objective categories
- We can better identify the importance of complete and accurate provider documentation to justify the codes we use

Thank you for your attention.

Have a pleasant evening!